



Embedding St. Luke's Christian Values

Everything we do at St. Luke's is driven by our vision and our five core Christian values, which have been developed in consultation with children, staff, governors and parents. As a Church of England School our values have their roots in the Christian faith and are outlined below.

Core Christian Values	What it says in the Bible	What it looks like in St. Luke's
<p>Justice (Courageous Advocacy)</p>	<p>Speaking up for others (Proverbs 31: 8 - 9)</p> <p>The bible encourages us to speak up for those who can't speak for themselves. It is important to ensure that all people are treated fairly regardless of difference and that we defend the rights of the poor and needy.</p>	<p>Being fair towards our family, friends and others; respecting their rights and acting responsibly toward them. Speaking up on behalf of others in the community; recognising that they have the same rights as us; challenging prejudice and making sure all voices are heard. Honouring human rights for all people; campaigning for a fairer world; understanding and challenging unfair systems of trade and climate management.</p>
<p>Kindness</p>	<p>Having the courage to care (Colossians 3:12 - 14)</p> <p>There are many stories in the Bible about Jesus and others noticing people's needs and having the courage to care and to make a difference. In Colossians 3:12 the Bible asks us to clothe ourselves with compassion, <u>kindness</u>, humility, gentleness and patience. It is important to stand with people who are suffering.</p>	<p>Being aware of other children in the classroom and playground who might need encouragement or extra care to help them get through difficult times. Being aware that at times people in our families and communities may need our help and prayers. Being aware of the wider suffering in the world and our responsibility as Christians, to try and help.</p>



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<p>Respect</p>	<p>Valuing others as we would like to be valued (Matthew 7:12)</p> <p>Jesus' words from the Gospel of Matthew are still inspiring nations today, with this 'Golden Rule' guiding the practices of the United Nations. Sometimes following the Golden Rule means we need to make difficult choices between doing what most pleases ourselves, and respecting and serving others.</p> <p>1 Peter 2:17 encourages us to show proper respect to everyone, even if they think differently to us.</p>	<p>All people need to be treated with dignity, respect and warmth, ourselves included.</p> <p>We need to reach out and support others in the same way that we would like them to reach out and support us.</p> <p>We need to maintain a respectful approach, even when those around us are failing to do so.</p>
<p>Service</p>	<p>Jesus washes his disciples feet (John 13:12 - 15)</p> <p>Jesus set us an example of both love and service and also asked us to use our gifts to serve others. We need to be aware of those around us who need our help and reach out to them humbly and with love to ease their load.</p>	<p>We need to willingly use our gifts and resources to serve and support our family, friends and neighbours.</p> <p>We should also use our gifts and resources to serve and support our school family. Helping those around us with both learning and life.</p> <p>Finally we should be aware of the local, national and global community and seek to support them where we can.</p>
<p>Growth</p>	<p>But the fruit of the Spirit is ... (Galatians 5:22)</p> <p>The Bible encourages us to grow within our lives the 'fruits of the spirit' (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control) as mentioned in Galatians 5:22. Alongside this we recognise the importance of developing a growth mindset, resilience and good mental health and well-being.</p>	<p>As we grow the fruits of the Spirit our lives are enhanced and our mental health and well being improves.</p> <p>The qualities we develop should also help and encourage others, enhancing their lives and improving their mental health.</p>

Our Christian vision, values and aims support British Values